

**REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR**Docket Number (Optional)  
032687-5

I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventors named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 6,357,970, granted March 19, 2002, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled COMPRESSIBLE WELDED WIRE WALL FOR RETAINING EARTHEN FORMATIONS,

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as reissue application number \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

☐ I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b). Attached is form PTO/SB/02B (or equivalent) listing the foreign applications.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

☒ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.

☒ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

☐ by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below. If the reissue is a broadening reissue, such must be stated with an explanation as to the nature of the broadening:

The specification is defective in that patent Claim 17 erroneously defines the reinforcing mats as being "in generally horizontally spaced relationship," whereas it should have defined the reinforcing mats as being "in generally horizontal spaced relationship."

New Claim 20 is similar to, but broader than, original patent Claim 17 in that it does not call for the "support means" to be "movable relative to the face."

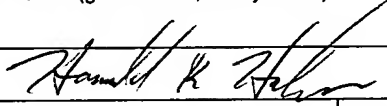
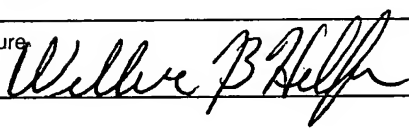
New Claims 21 and 22 are of a scope similar to, but broader than, original patent Claim 17 that they do not define the first mat as "having a face." Rather, they define the face as being connected to the first mat. New Claim 22 is also broader than original patent Claim 17 in that it does not call for the support means to be movable relative to the face.

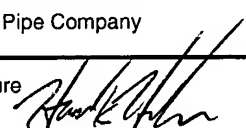
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<b>REISSUE APPLICATION: CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE; STATEMENT OF NON-ASSIGNMENT</b>		Docket Number (Optional) 032687-8
This is part of the application for a reissue patent based on the original patent identified below.		
Name of Patentee(s) Harold K. Hilfiker, William B. Hilfiker		
Patent Number 6,357,970	Date Patent Issued March 19, 2002	
Title of Invention COMPRESSIBLE WELDED WIRE WALL FOR RETAINING EARTHEN FORMATIONS		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filed herein is a certificate under 37 CFR 3.73(b). (Form PTO/SB/96)</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Ownership of the patent is in the inventor(s), and no assignment of the patent has been made.</p> <p>One of boxes 1 or 2 above must be checked. If multiple assignees, complete this form for each assignee. If box 2 is checked, skip the next entry and go directly to "Name of Assignee".</p> <p>The written consent of all assignees and inventors owning an undivided interest in the original patent is included in this application for reissue.</p>		
The assignee owning an undivided interest in said original patent is/are <u>is</u> and the assignee(s) consents to the accompanying application for reissue.		
Name of assignee/inventor (if not assigned) Hilfiker Pipe Company		
Signature 	Date 3-10-04	
Typed or printed name and title of person signing for assignee (if assigned) HAROLD HILFIKER PRESIDENT		

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: Harold K. Hilfiker, William B. Hilfiker

Application No./Patent No.: 6,357,970

Filed/Issue Date: March 19, 2002

Entitled: COMPRESSIBLE WELDED WIRE WALL FOR RETAINING EARTHEN FORMATIONS

Hilfiker Pipe Company

(Name of Assignee)

, a Corporation

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title, and interest  
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- B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

3-10-04  
Date  
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HAROLD K. HILFIKER  
Typed or printed name  
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Signature  
PRESIDENT  
Title

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Execution Date: May 2, 2000

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

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Internal Address:

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City, State and Zip: Eureka, CA 95503

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4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: May 10, 2000

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, Harold K. Hilfiker and William B. Hilfiker, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNORS", have invented certain new and useful improvements as described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention: COMPRESSIBLE WELDED WIRE WALL FOR RETAINING EARTHEN FORMATIONS

Application Execution Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Filing Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No.: \_\_\_\_\_;

WHEREAS, Hilfiker Pipe Company, a corporation of the State of California, 3900 Broadway, Eureka, California 95503 hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE", is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in the said invention and application and in any Letters Patent which may be granted on the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) lawful money paid to Assignors by Assignee, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, and Assignee's successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in and to the said invention, said application for United States Letters Patent, and any Letters Patent which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States and all countries throughout the world including any divisions, renewals, continuations in whole or in part, substitutions, conversions, reissues, prolongations or extensions thereof, the said interest to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by said Assignors had this assignment and transfer not been made, to the full end and term of any Letters Patent.

Assignors further agree that they will, without charge to said Assignee, but at Assignee's expense, cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of said application and/or applications, execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including applications for Letters Patent and for the reissue thereof, and instruments of assignment and transfer thereof, and will perform such other acts as Assignee lawfully may request, to obtain or maintain Letters Patent for said invention and improvement in any and all countries, and to vest title thereto in said Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have hereunto signed their names to this assignment on the dates indicated below.

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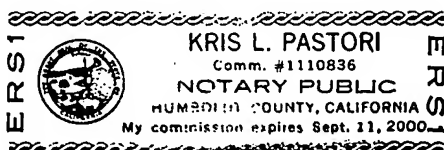
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On May 2, 2000 before me, Kris L. Pastori, Notary Public, personally appeared Harold K. Hilfiker and William B. Hilfiker, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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